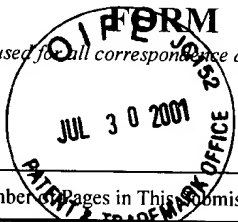


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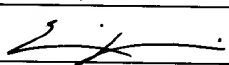
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 24, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 8 as follows. Attached hereto is a marked-up copy
of the amended claims.

1. (Amended) A method of fabricating a semiconductor device, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) forming a silicon oxynitride film on a silicon substrate;
 - (b) performing a heat treatment while keeping a surface of the silicon oxynitride film in contact with a gas containing nitrogen to introduce at least nitrogen into the silicon oxynitride film;
 - (c) after step (b), forming a semiconductor film containing an impurity of first conductivity type on the silicon oxynitride film;